

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Dr. Zelnick as the Director of the Sumter County Health Department

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Staff recommends approval

☐ Work Session (Report Only)

☒ Regular Meeting

**DATE OF MEETING:** 3/8/11

☐ Special Meeting

**CONTRACT:** ☒ N/A

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Managing Division / Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

☐ Annual

☐ Capital

☐ N/A

**FUNDING SOURCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:**

The County received a letter from The Department of Health to request that the County Commissioners approve the appointment of Dr. Zelnick, as the Director of the Sumter County Health Department. The County Health Department and the Florida Department of Health have a contractual partnership and also requirements by State Law to partner with county government when selecting a new Health Department Director.

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Rick Scott  
Governor



February 17, 2011

Mr. Bradley S. Arnold  
County Administrator  
Sumter County Board of County Commissioners  
7375 Powell Road  
Wildwood, Florida 34785

Dear Mr. Arnold:

The Department of Health would like to request that the Board of County Commissioners for Sumter County approve the appointment of Dr. Sanford Zelnick, as the Director of the Sumter County Health Department. As you know, county health departments are a contractual partnership between Florida's Department of Health and county government. Because of our desire to maintain this partnership, and also as a requirement of state law, we partner with county government when selecting a new health department director.

Dr. Zelnick has an excellent and diverse knowledge of all aspects of public health and has demonstrated his ability to be a leader in the health care field. I believe Dr. Zelnick will be an asset to the Sumter County Health Department as its Director.

I would like to officially request an agenda item for the March 8, 2011, commission meeting in Bushnell to present to the board for their concurrence the appointment of Dr. Zelnick as the Director of the Sumter County Health Department.

Thank you for your assistance during this process. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need further information at 850-245-4244.

Sincerely,

Michael Sentman  
Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health

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Rick Scott  
Governor

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February 17, 2011

Sanford D. Zelnick M.D.  
2660 Pennsylvania Street  
West Melbourne, Florida 32904

Dear Dr. Zelnick:

It is my pleasure to confirm our offer of employment for the Director position of the Sumter County Health Department. This offer is contingent upon the concurrence of your appointment by the Board of County Commissioners.

We are planning to seek approval of your appointment at the Board of County Commissioners' meeting as soon as possible. I have forwarded the Board a letter requesting their concurrence and included a copy for your records with this letter.

Your proposed salary is \$137,000. This position is a Senior Management Service (SMS) position within the State personnel system. Prorated fringe benefits include 176 hours of annual leave and 104 hours of sick leave every year following on your anniversary date. Information regarding insurance benefits, including health and supplemental plans, can be found at <http://www.myflorida.com/mybenefits/>. With all approvals in place, your proposed start date will be discussed.

I look forward to working with you as we strive to meet the mission of the Department of Health, "Promote, protect, and improve the health of all people in Florida." If you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 245-4413.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Sentman".

Michael Sentman  
Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**SANFORD D. ZELNICK, DO, MS**

**Undergraduate Education:**

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, B.S. (Biology) 1977

**Graduate Education:**

College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Iowa (D.O.) 1980

**Post-Graduate Education:**

Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii 1980-81

University of Wisconsin, Family Practice Residency 1985-1987

University of Cincinnati, Occupational Medicine Fellowship 1990-1992

**Board Certification:**

American Board of Family Practice 1988-1995, Recertified 1994-2001, 2001-2007, 2007-2014

American Board of Preventive Medicine (Occupational Medicine) 1994

National Board of Medical Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons 1981

**State Licensure:**

Florida #OS 6239

**Publications:**

1. Zelnick, S, McKay, R, Lockey, J; "Visual Field Loss While Wearing Full Face Respiratory Protection." Journal of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, Vol. 239 (55) April 1994, pp.315-321.
2. Pleil, J, Smith L, Zelnick S: "Personal Exposure to JP-8 Fuel Vapors and Exhausts and Air Force Bases", Environmental Health Perspectives, Vol. 108, No 3, March 2000
3. Zelnick, S, Lischak, M, Young DG, Massa, TV, "Prevention of Carbon Monoxide Exposure in General and Recreational Aviation." Aviation Space and Environmental Medicine, Vol. 73, No 8, August 2002, pp. 812-816
4. Zelnick, S, Mattie, DR, Stepaniak, PC, "Occupational Exposure to Hydrazine: Treatment of Acute Central Nervous System Toxicity" Aviation Space and Environmental Medicine, Vol. 74, No 12, December 2003, pages 1285-1291.

**Awards:**

1. Best Paper Award For 1994, "Visual Field Loss While Wearing Full Face Respiratory Protection." Journal of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, Vol. 239 (55) April 1994, pp.315-321. Presented at the American Industrial Hygiene Association Annual Exposition, Kansas City Missouri June 1995.
2. Silver Snoopy Astronaut Achievement Award (the highest award given by the NASA astronaut corps), Kennedy Space Center, September 2006.

**Presentations:**

"Visual Field Loss While Wearing Full Face Respiratory Protection", Presented at the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. Also presented at the American Industrial Hygiene Association Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, May 1992.

"A Methodologic Approach To Aviation Industrial Shop Walkthrough Evaluations", Presented at the Aerospace Medical Association 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, San Antonio, Texas May 1994.

"Workers Compensation and Occupational Health Data Analysis", Presented at the U.S. Air Force Operational Public Health Course, San Antonio, Texas May 1996.

"Evaluation of Liver Function Tests in Occupationally Exposed Cohorts," presented to representatives of the Norwegian Ministry of Defense, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, October 1996

"Benzene Exposure During Fuel Tank Entry," 1998 International Conference on the Environmental Health and Safety of Jet Fuel, April 2, 1998, San Antonio, Texas

"Medical Fitness For Duty Evaluations," Federal Firefighters Seminar, April 7, 1998 Crystal City Virginia,

"Department of Defense Activities in the Russian Far East," Expanding Rotary in Russia and the Newly Independent States Workshop, Feb 19-21, 1999, Tucson Arizona

"A Program For Acute Exposure Assessment to Jet Fuel (JP-8), "Statens Arbeidsmiljøinstitutt (Norwegian Institute For Occupational Safety and Health)," 15 March 1999

**Professional Experience:**

1. Commander, USAHC, Gelnhausen (Germany). 1981-1984.
2. Staff Physician, Kimbrough Army Hospital, Ft. Meade, MD., June 84-December 1984.
3. Commander, USAHC Tobyhanna, Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, December 1984- June 1985.
4. Family Physician, AFSC Hospital Patrick, Patrick AFB, Florida, July 1987-July 1988.
5. Director, Emergency Services, AFSC Hospital Patrick, Patrick AFB, Florida August 1988-August 1989.
6. Chief, Clinical Services, 7241 ABG Clinic, Izmir, Turkey, August 1989-June 1990.
7. Chief, Preventive Services, San Antonio Air Logistic Center, Kelly AFB, Texas, August 1992-August 1993.
8. Consultant, Occupational Medicine, San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Kelly AFB, Texas August 1993-August 1995.
9. Consultant, Occupational Medicine, Office of the USAF Surgeon General, Washington D.C. August 1995-June 1999.
10. Chief, Occupational Medicine, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 1999-July 2001

11. Chief, Medical Division, Department of Defense Manned Space Flight Support Office, Patrick AFB, Florida, July 2001-July 2004
12. Chief, Occupational Medicine, Robins AFB, Georgia, July 2004-December 2007
13. Geriatric Fellow, Wake Forest University June 2008-October 2008
14. Medical Director, Volusia County Health Department, February 2008 to present.

**Appointments:**

1. Assistant Professor, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, Texas, November 1992-August 1995.
2. U.S. Project Officer (U.S. Representative to the Norwegian Ministry of Defense), Occupational Health Effects of Jet Fuel Exposure, U.S. Department of Defense (Environmental Security), August 1996-June 1999
3. Assistant Professor, Community Medicine, Florida State University December 2008 until present